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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1625

**DATE:** March 9, 2016

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Nursing Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Nursing Facilities for Persons with Mental Illness, Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disability, Residential Care Facilities and Managed Care Organizations

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Clarification of Attending Physician Requirement on Claims

**EFFECTIVE:** April 1, 2016

**\*\*\*\*\*This letter replaces Informational Letter No. 1529 dated October 1, 2015\*\*\*\*\***

This letter updates and replaces Informational Letter 1529 which informed facility providers that beginning October 1, 2015, the IME would no longer accept long term care claims submitted with an inappropriate attending provider appended. **This change was subsequently delayed, but will now be implemented effective for dates of service April 1, 2016, and after.**

Appropriate attending providers are defined as actively participating Physician MDs, Physician DOs, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs), and Physician Assistants (PAs). All other provider types including but not limited to facilities, podiatrists, dentists, or non-enrolled providers with Iowa Medicaid that are appended to the claim, will cause the claim to deny.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).